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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1900.10

Subj: TRANSITIONAL HEALTH CARE AND INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION OF
COAST GUARD PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) Public Law 101-510, National Defense Authorization Act
for Fiscal Year 1991

1. PURPOSE. This instruction publishes information concerning the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) transitional health care provisions contained in reference (a). Effective 1 October 1994 TAMP assistance has been extended to certain involuntarily separated Coast Guard personnel and their families.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders; commanders of maintenance and logistics commands; Commander, Coast Guard Activities Europe; Commander, Coast Guard Activities Far East; and commanding officers of headquarters units shall ensure those individuals responsible for pre-separation counseling are aware of the provisions of this instruction.
3. BACKGROUND. To lessen the impact of Department of Defense reduction-in-force efforts, Congress authorized TAMP. One provision, transitional health care, offers a temporary extension of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) and direct care (military treatment facilities) benefits for certain involuntarily separated active duty members and their dependents. CHAMPUS co-payments, deductibles, and catastrophic cost-caps remain at the active duty dependent rate. The former active duty member's status changes to that of an active duty dependent.

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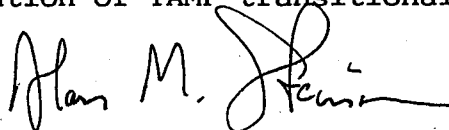
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(The Uniformed Services Family Health Plans, which are available in some areas, are not included in TAMP.)

4. ELIGIBILITY. Active duty Coast Guard personnel who are involuntarily separated (under honorable conditions) from active duty, and their authorized dependents who are otherwise ineligible for CHAMPUS or direct care benefits after separation. The effective separation dates are from 1 October 1994 to 30 September 1999.
5. PERIOD OF COVERAGE.
 - a. Members with less than six years of active service, and their eligible dependents, are eligible for 60 days of continued CHAMPUS and direct care (military treatment facility) benefits from the date of separation.
 - b. Members with six or more years of active service, and their eligible dependents, are eligible for 120 days of continued CHAMPUS and direct care (military treatment facility) benefits from the date of separation.
 - c. An authorized dependent's transitional health care eligibility may expire prior to the end of the above periods due to CHAMPUS or direct care age, marriage, or divorce restrictions.
 - d. Transitional health care benefit and eligibility dates will be reflected in DEERS and on a modified TAMP identification card.
6. CONVERSION POLICY. Conversion to the Continued Health Care Benefit Program may be available to former CHAMPUS eligible personnel after expiration of TAMP transitional health care eligibility.



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